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THE YEARLY RECORD.

Total Number of Worlds Printed during 1887,
83,389,828.
Average per Day for Entire Year.
228,465.

SIX YEARS COMPARED:
THE WORLD came under the present proprietorship May 10, 1883.

Year.	Yearly Total.	Daily Average.
1883	8,101,157	22,331
1884	12,355,218	33,941
1885	22,159,785	77,992
1886	31,241,297	140,387
1887	70,156,041	192,126
1888	83,389,828	228,465

Sunday World's Record:
Over 200,000 Every Sunday During the Last Two Years.
The average circulation of The Sunday World during 1882 was 14,727.
The average circulation of The Sunday World during 1883 was 24,054.
The average circulation of The Sunday World during 1884 was 70,985.
The average circulation of The Sunday World during 1885 was 166,636.
The average circulation of The Sunday World during 1886 was 234,724.
The average circulation of The Sunday World during 1887 was 257,267.
Amount of White Paper used during the Five Years Ending Dec. 31, 1887:

Year.	Yearly Total.	Daily Average.
1883	1,433,333	3,954
1884	2,355,218	6,481
1885	4,433,333	12,146
1886	6,241,297	17,125
1887	14,156,041	38,783
1888	18,389,828	50,635

CIRCULATION BOOKS OPEN TO ALL.

CLIPPING THE HALF-HOLIDAY.
A bill has been introduced in the Assembly limiting the Saturday half-holiday to the months of July and August.
For whose benefit was this humane law passed? For that of the tollers. Who asks to have it clipped? The club loungers, the money-lenders, the men who live by other people's labor.
The tollers are many. The loungers and money-shavers are few. The Legislature is not likely to forget this fact.

SITTING ON COMSTOCK.
ANYBODY COMSTOCK'S attempt to put petticoats and chest-protectors on the statues and to court-plaster the pictures in Philadelphia, has come to grief.

Frying ANTHONY obtained copies of photographs imported for artists' use by representing himself, it was alleged, as an artist. The prosecuting attorney said that the pictures were "of the highest state of art," and that "any man who says they are obscene ought to go to a less civilized community than Philadelphia." The judge held that "nude pictures are not necessarily lewd or indecent." All of the accused dealers were acquitted.
The Society for the Prevention of Vice has legitimate good work enough to do. It should not bring itself into contempt by attempting to suppress or to emasculate art.

CHARACTER AND REPUTATION.
It is said of Cashier O'Brien, the defaulting fugitive from Auburn, that "his personal character stands the closest investigation," the "only charge against him being that he was passionately fond of poker," and this is modified by the statement that he was "a lucky player, many thousands ahead of the game."
What a simple, truly good life! It is indeed an heroic virtue to always keep "ahead of other people's money."
That Mr. O'Brien defaulted and ran away at last would seem to indicate that his reputation was better than his character.

HEAT-PRODUCING FOOD.
To adapt the diet to the weather is one of the arts of living.
Food rich in carbon costs no more than that which is not heat-producing. It should be used in preference during the cold weather.
Bacon, or fat meat of any kind, butter, suet, molasses or sugar, are to the body what coal or wood is to the furnace. Vegetables, grains and fruits are good to make up a variety, but for blizzard-proof "stoking" fats and sweets are best.

The Sun (mortgaged) says to-day that "the mercury went down to 60 degrees below zero" and talks of an "88-calibre pistol." As mercury freezes at 32.5 degrees below zero, and a howitzer might not scorn an 88-calibre ball, the emptiness of the Sun's (mortgaged) boast of its accuracy is illustrated once more.

The monkey-and-parrot time of the District of Columbia Republicans in choosing delegates (representing no votes) to the Presidential Convention gives a fine send-off to the party of "great moral ideas."

Dakota would be promptly admitted to the Union if she would promise to give up the business of hatching blizzards. Perhaps these disturbances are her protest against being left "out in the cold."

There is a real, live Duke in town, but it is doubtful if he would see the fun in the "real article" in "The Henrietta."

The Senatorial neck at Albany appears to be about six or eight sizes too big for Boss Platt's brass collar.

Emperor WILLIAM is certainly "pretty well, thank you," once more. He "greatly

admired" Lady RANDOLPH CUNNINGHAM, the "cynosure of all eyes," at the opera the other night. So long as an octogenarian can find pleasure in looking at a handsome woman he is in no danger of dying of old age.
It must have given "society" at Washington a great shock to learn that this too is no respecter of persons. To almost drown a Count was certainly very uncivil.

HEARD AT THE MORTON HOUSE.
"Say, Stewart, loan me \$5."
"No, Bangs has not been here to-night."
"Here comes Floyd Smith and Hugh Kelly."
"Let's go upstairs and play 'Hide the Heart.'"
"It is about time for Tom Horke to ring the bell."
"Col. Fellows smokes retinas—three for half a dollar."
"P. J. Moriarty is often taken for an Irish Count."
"Police Capt. Clinchy resides at the Westminster."
"Prof. Latta is in favor of a law against cigarette smoking."
"I would rather be a police captain than an Alderman."
"State Senators and Assemblymen get the same salary, \$1,500."
"Ed Mott is in town and Pennsylvania bear stories are on a strike."
"Shed Shook and Ed Gilmore are having a caucus in a corner."
"Charley Steckler is the youngest Tammany Hall district leader."
"Abie Daniels dislikes to see his name in print. He says he is not seeking notoriety."
"Mr. Shaw Holloway believes in the adage that a house divided against itself will fall."
"That horse in front of that bobtail car is lame. Perhaps the company bought the horse at Guttenburg."
"They tell me that the wigwag boys of the Fourteenth District have been putting on style in their new rooms."
"Nelson Waldron is to manage 'The Light on the Point,' a new play in which he is interested. Hope he will make a barrel of money."

WORLDLINGS.
A correspondent writing from New York says that there are more than fifty widows in this city who possess individual fortunes ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$15,000,000.
Gen. Longstreet, the Confederate soldier, is living at his country seat near Gainesville, Ga. He is said to be growing gray and old, but he is still active and looks after his farm with a watchful eye.
It is said that George Gould does not spend over \$1,000 a year on clothes. He is very modest in his taste and always selects good, plain cloth, but is very particular regarding the fit. His younger brother Edwin is more of a dandy.
J. W. Phillips, a Chippewa Falls (Wis.) editor, bears a striking physical resemblance to the late Henry Ward Beecher, and when in St. Paul is frequently taken for the distinguished divine by people who forget for the moment that he is dead.
Hastings, Neb., enjoys the distinction of having a bootblack's Union which holds regular meetings and transacts business of business. When it is discovered that a member has "cut under" the established grade of prices he is promptly black-listed.
C. W. Stahllein, of Bridgman, Mich., cut down a big red oak tree on his farm the other day, and was surprised, when the tree fell, to see a bear crawl out from a hollow under the roots. Mr. Stahllein killed the bear after a desperate struggle, and found that it weighed 450 pounds.
Alexandria, in Clark County, Mo., was once a famous green town of the West where hundreds of young couples from Iowa, Illinois and Missouri were united without license and without question. Justice Gilliam, now an old resident of Alexandria, was most in demand to tie the knot for the eloping couples and reaped a rich harvest for his pains.

A COMEDY IN FOUR SCENES.
An Ingenious Effort to Secure a Basket of Pippins Results in an Arrest.

1. Eugene Tompkins, the Boston theatre owner, is with his brother, Arthur L. Tompkins, at the Brunswick.
2. At the Albany are J. C. Coombs, of Boston, and Samuel C. Eastman, a well-known citizen of Concord, N. H.
3. At the Morton House are A. L. Grant, of Philadelphia; G. F. Parr, of Chicago, and Louis Haas, of Waterville, Conn.
4. William A. Whitney, a dry-goods merchant of Albany, and Major Edward Maguire, United States Engineer, are at the Grand.
Among the prominent arrivals at the Union Square Hotel are H. G. Hayden, of Hartford; John W. Roberts, of San Francisco, and Edward L. Clark, of Paris.
Staying at the St. James are ex-Senator Thomas J. Sawyer, formerly of Louisiana but now of Baltimore; Mr. Capt. T. W. Baldwin and O. M. Blingden, of Pittsburg.
Recent arrivals at the Everett Hotel include Mrs. Charles Dickens and daughter, Charles S. Forsythe, of Philadelphia; Wm. L. Vail and S. A. Westmore, of Boston.
William Evans, of Baltimore, Md.; A. H. Jenkins, of Boston; J. L. Noble, of Philadelphia; and Wm. H. Harris, of New York, are registered at the Grand Central.
Prominent people at the Brunswick: Henry Crawford, lawyer, of Chicago; W. W. Bryant, the insurance man, of Albany; F. W. Hoelbling; Arthur Mills, of Boston, and Lieut. G. H. Brinton, of Paris.
Among others now at the Gilsey House are Robert Willes, of Flushing, L. I., who was one of the original owners of Wilkes Hotel; William Wallace, Jr., a Montreal lawyer; M. A. Meyendorf, head of the Amey's Office at Helena, Mont.; C. H. Hyams, a banker of New Orleans, and W. G. Fisher, one of Denver's most prosperous merchants.

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The two men followed her with their eyes. Then one of them said in an undertone to the other:
"Isn't that Jim's girl?"
"Used to be," said the other, shortly.
"He's got another one now. I haven't seen him with her for a month."
"Where is Jim? I haven't seen him for some time."
"I guess you won't see him for a while. He's laying' low," returned the second fellow.
"Why, what's he been up to, now?" inquired the first.
"Don't know," was the answer. "But I think he knows something." Here the speaker lowered his voice so that I could not catch what he said, although I was listening very attentively. The first man leaned his head over so as to catch what the other said.
"The fellow ain't dead, is he?" he inquired audibly enough for me to hear, after the remark was finished.
"Dunno. He was taken to the hospital," said the informant.
The name of one of the fellows whom I suspected of cracking the gentleman on the head with the brick was Jim, and I thought they might be referring to him.
They went out pretty soon, after giving a glance at me as they rose to leave. I went over to the table where the girl sat and engaged her in conversation. She was ready enough to talk. I tried not to say anything to excite her suspicions. I found out who she lived in "Rotten Row," and that sometimes she came into this little restaurant to get her supper. I got her to promise to come around the next evening and take supper there, and said I would be there and pay for it.
"I'll come around any time you want to pay the bill," she said with a grin. "It's so much in."

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It was rotten, to the core. Rotten in the live itself with mouldy woodwork, tumbling brick walls and crazy stairs, and rotten in the tenants, who were cutthroats, thieves, sharpers of every kind and a scattering of the "gentle sex," not so much gentle after all. A stranger who got into this labyrinth and had to find his way round would sooner have had a guide than trust to his own skill. But for somebody who knew the place it was still more of a labyrinthine winding. There were big breaks in the walls, so that a person could make his way through a dozen houses and stray under cover for quite a distance. A man could work through with a little stooping and squeezing from Canal to Spring street.
As the whole lot of tenants were in league, it furnished a good lurking-place for a criminal. A man could stay successfully hidden in this honeycombed raft of houses for days, and a criminal who got in here could escape detection for weeks.
All the sympathies of this beautiful neighborhood were with a criminal. The hands of its habitues were against every one, and the hand of the police was pretty often against them.
A case came up in which "Rotten Row" played a conspicuous part. It was a shelter for several days a safe refuge for a man whom the law wanted to have a brief interview with. The task of capturing the man, who for reasons of his own was not anxious to have this interview with the law, fell on me. He was a criminal who had fled to "Rotten Row" for sanctuary.
One night a respectable-looking man was carried off in an ambulance from one of the downtown streets to the hospital. He was a respectable middle-aged man who had been kept out late by some business and was making his way through the street, a pretty quiet one at that time of the night, for it was nearly 11, when he heard some one behind him quickening his steps as if to overtake him.
There was no one in sight before him. He glanced around to see who the person was. The only other wayfarer was a stoutly built young fellow with broad shoulders and a bristling mustache. He had a soft felt hat slouched over his face, doubtless for the purpose of concealing his features.
Altogether, this young man was not a very attractive specimen of humanity. He didn't look like a Sunday-school superintendent, nor even like an honest laborer who drew his wages regularly Saturday night and took them home to his wife to have her use them as she saw good in getting the groceries for the children or in paying the grocer's bill for the family provisions.
No, he didn't look like that kind of a man. He walked too much with his shoulders. There was a roll in his gait and his hands were in his pockets. He was, in fact, the style of fellow who have their photographs taken not to give around among their friends nor to send to their relatives in the country. When this kind of young man has his taken he is corralled in a room and a camera is pointed at him, a good deal to his disgust. He doesn't try to look natural. Frequently he casts his eyes down and works the muscles of his mouth into an expression that he doesn't carry around with him as a general thing. He is not anxious to have a "perfect

likeness." It is going to adorn the photograph album which is hung in a police station, and is meant for the benefit of a class for which the man entertains anything but a hearty liking.
So our respectable friend, who had on a gold watch and heavy gold chain, and had a wad of \$200 in his waistcoat pocket, thought he would enjoy the view of this man's back a good deal better than having him in the rear, where his movements couldn't be so well observed.
He lagged a little to allow the fellow to pass. The young fellow swaggered up, and as he was opposite to the gentleman he whipped his hands out of his pockets and made a grab for the gold watch and chain. He was so quick that he would have wrenched the chain from the button-hole if it had not been unusually strong. As it was, the gentleman had time to clutch hold of it, and in a state of great alarm he yelled for the police.
The thief, in running his hand into the gentleman's pocket, may have felt the roll of bills. He had probably meant to get away with the watch and let the gentleman go. But when he felt the roll of bills and saw what a respectable-looking man he was he thought it would pay to make a bigger job of it.
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